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SUBJECT: WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE (WPC) IN MOSCOW

SUMMARY: HANS JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI, WHO HEADED SPD OBSERVER DELEGATION TO WPC, PROVIDED THE AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 14 WITH A SUMMARY OF HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE. WISCHNEWSKI WAS STRUCK BY THE VASTNESS AND EXPENSIVENESS OF THE SOVIET EFFORT. DELEGATIONS FROM WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WERE UNREPRESENTATIVE AND WISCHNEWSKI FOUND SOVIETS "DISAPPOINTED" OVER THIS UNSURPRISING FACT. MIDDLE EAST WAS A MAJOR THEME AT CONFERENCE, BUT SOVIETS WERE OBVIOUSLY AT PAINS TO AVOID EXPRESSION OF ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT. ONLY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT TO EMERGE, IN WISCHNEWSKI'S VIEW, WAS BREZHNEV'S SPEECH TO CONFERENCE, WHICH HE THOUGHT CONTAINED SIGNIFICANT CLEAR STATEMENT OF SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. END SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING TO WISCHNEWSKI, ALL ELEMENTS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WERE WELL REPRESENTED WITH EXCEPTION OF  
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WESTERN DEMOCRACIES. DELEGATIONS FROM COMMUNIST STATES

WERE HIGHLY TYPICAL, WITH MARKED SCIENTIFIC TENDENCY. DELEGATIONS FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WERE "QUITE REPRESENTATIVE." ALL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WERE THERE. WESTERN DELEGATIONS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE COMPRISED MAINLY OF MEMBERS OF SMALL COMMUNIST PARTIES AND BORE ALMOST NO RELATIONSHIP TO REAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FORCES IN COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THEY CAME. THE FRG DELEGATION WAS LED BY PASTOR NIEMOELLER AND INCLUDED SEVERAL SPD MEMBERS WHO, WISCHNEWSKI STRESSED, DID NOT REPRESENT THE SPD. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WISCHNEWSKI SAID, THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS CONTAINED A LARGE NUMBER OF CLERICAL TYPES WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH PACIFIST MOVEMENTS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

2. WITHIN MOSCOW, WISCHNEWSKI CARRIED ON EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ZAGLADIN, THE SAME MAN WITH WHOM THE SPD PARLIAMENTARY FLOOR LEADER, HERBERT WEHNER, IS REPORTED TO HAVE MET DURING THE VISIT OF THE BUNDESTAG DELEGATION TO THE USSR LAST SEPTEMBER. WISCHNEWSKI SAID THAT ZAGLADIN WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM OF WESTERN REPRESENTATION. HE HAD TOLD ZAGLADIN THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO ATTRACT RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES IF THEY WERE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF SEEING THESE COUNTRIES EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCES OF THIS KIND. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WANTED A CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (AS ZAGLADIN TOLD WISCHNEWSKI THEY DID) THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GOT REAL REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN ECONOMIC LIFE, E.G. MEN LIKE THE FRG'S BERTHOLD BEITZ, AND NOT COMMUNIST PARTY FUNCTIONARIES. WISCHNEWSKI SAID HE THOUGHT THE SOVIETS UNDERSTOOD THIS WELL BUT, GIVEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO VARIOUS COMMUNIST PARTIES, DIDN'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

3. WISCHNEWSKI WAS IMPRESSED BY SCALE OF CONFERENCE AND LAVISHNESS OF SOVIET PREPARATION. THERE WERE MORE THAN 3,000 DELEGATES; THE ENTIRE HOTEL ROSSIYA HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER; EVERY DELEGATE RECEIVED A WRIST WATCH AND TWO

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PHONOGRAPH RECORDS. WISCHNEWSKI CONCLUDED FROM THIS, INTER ALIA, THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT SOVIETS COULD HAVE WANTED WAR TO BREAK OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT TIME OF PROPAGANDISTIC PEACE CONFERENCE ON WHICH THEY HAD EXPENDED SO MUCH MONEY AND EFFORT.

4. HONECKER'S INTERVIEW OF NOVEMBER 1 ATTACKING THE FRG ON VARIOUS ISSUES WAS ANOTHER EXTERNAL FACTOR WHICH

WISCHNEWSKI THOUGHT MUST HAVE BEEN HIGHLY UNWELCOME TO THE SOVIETS AT TIME OF CONFERENCE. SOVIET BEHAVIOUR WHILE WISCHNEWSKI WAS IN MOSCOW PROVIDED NO EVIDENCE THAT THE HONECKER SPEECH HAD RECEIVED MOSCOW'S APPROVAL. ON THE CONTRARY, WHEN WISCHNEWSKI RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH ZAGLADIN BY POINTING OUT THAT HE, WISCHNEWSKI,

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WAS ONE OF THE "IMPERIALISTS" TO WHOM HONECKER HAD BEEN REFERRING, ZAGLADIN WAS EMBARRASSED AND MADE CLEAR THAT HE FOUND THE SUBJECT DISTASTEFUL.

5. THE MIDDLE EAST WAR WAS INEVITABLY AN IMPORTANT THEME AT THE WPC, BUT THE TENSION IT CREATED DID NOT GIVE RISE, SO FAR AS WISCHNEWSKI COULD SEE, TO OVERT ANTI-AMERICANISM. ON THE CONTRARY, THE SOVIETS WERE OBVIOUSLY MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE TO AVOID UNDULY EXPLICIT CRITICISM OF THE US. THEY WERE ALSO TAKING PAINS TO TREAT THE FRG "CORRECTLY."

6. WITH REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WISCHNEWSKI EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT BREZHNEV'S OCTOBER 26 SPEECH TO THE WPC CONTAINED INTERESTING AND GENERALLY ENCOURAGING FORMULATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, WISCHNEWSKI REGARDED THE EMPHASIS ON SECURITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION AS EVIDENCE THAT THE USSR RECOGNIZED RECOGNIZED ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. (WISCHNEWSKI'S  
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OTHER COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING THIS ASPECT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ZAGLADIN, ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY BY AIRGRAM.)  
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